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Ruby Lawyers Continue Plans Despite Attack

DALLAS, Texas (AP) — Jack Ruby's defense attorneys indicated Friday they were moving ahead with plans to perfect the condemned man's appeal despite his continued erratic behavior in the Dallas County jail.

Clayton Fowler, chief defense counsel, said no conclusion had been reached on renewing requests for a sanity hearing for Ruby, following a meeting with attorneys Joe Tonahill, Phil Burleson and Ruby's sister, Mrs. Eva Grant.

"We will confer further with psychiatrists," Fowler said in light of an incident Thursday in which Ruby attempted to attack one of his lawyers.

"We have not ruled out a request for a sanity hearing," Fowler said.

Time Needed

The attorney has indicated, however, he still does not favor asking the courts for such a hearing while perfecting the appeal of Ruby's death penalty conviction for the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, President Kennedy's accused assassin.

Tonahill and Burleson reported the latest incident when they told how Ruby became angered during a jail interview with them Thursday and tried to strike Burleson.

"Phil (Burleson) and I were talking to Jack in the interview room and Jack got mad several times during the conversation," Tonahill said. "He got mad one time while we were discussing lie detector tests . . . and another time when Phil tried to assure him Jews weren't being killed because of him."

Test Promised

The Jasper, Texas attorney said Ruby insisted that Chief Justice Earl Warren had promised him a lie detector test when the jurist visited Oswald's slayer in his cell last month.

A short while later, the attorney said, Ruby began telling them that Jews were being killed all over the world because he had killed Oswald. When Burleson assured him they were not, pointing out that Ruby's brothers and sisters were still alive, the condemned man leaped up and tried to swing his fist at the Dallas lawyer.